

Senate Resolution No. 1899

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMEMORATING the 100th Anniversary of the Royal
Canadian Air Force

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize the achievements of those military organizations that contribute substantially to the defense and safety of not only the Empire State but also the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force to be celebrated at its Annual Mess Dinner at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro, New York, on Friday, April 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, On April 1, 1924, the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) was formed by the Canadian Air Force after it was granted a royal sanction by King George V; and

WHEREAS, At its inception, the RCAF was not an independent organization, reporting to the Chief of the General Staff, the head of the Canadian Militia (now called Canadian Army); however, it was a full-time organization with its own orders which included the King's Regulations and Orders for the Royal Canadian Air Force; and

WHEREAS, The RCAF's purpose is not only the defense of Canada but also, more importantly, flying operations performed for other governments' departments; it protects Canadian and North American airspace in partnership with the United States; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Canada share a long-standing commitment to working together for our common defense and security, and the continuation of this successful relationship through the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) is paramount to the future security of the people of the United States and Canada; this includes the Eastern Air Defense Sector (EADS), a component of the New York Air National Guard, in Rome, New York; and

WHEREAS, This centennial celebration is an opportunity to showcase Air Force personnel and their accomplishments, demonstrate air and space power, enhance the reputation of the RCAF, and proudly honor its distinguished history and heritage; the RCAF has proven its importance through its contributions to national safety and security, international peace, and global stability; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional military element, its assurance of the defense of New York State and the Nation, and its invaluable role in improving the freedom of the citizenry; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Air Force; and
be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be
transmitted to the Royal Canadian Air Force.